

§ 731. City of New Orleans; cable television bingo; licensing; restrictions; prohibitions

Acts 1999, No. 568, §3, eff. June 30, 1999.

A. (1) The governing authority of the city of New Orleans may license bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious, or fraternal organizations and civic and service clubs, which possess the appropriate nonprofit designation issued by the federal Internal Revenue Service, to hold and operate the game of chance commonly known as cable television bingo played for prizes with cards and as defined in this Subsection.

(2) For the purposes of this Section, “cable television bingo” shall mean a charitable game of chance transmitted by a cable television channel and played for prizes with cards bearing numbers or other designations, five or more in one line, the holder covering numbers as eight or more similarly numbered objects are displayed, and the game being won by any player who covers a previously designated arrangement of numbers of such a card with any four or five numbers and a free spot.

B. Cable television bingo shall be transmitted only to the area within the jurisdiction of the city of New Orleans. Transmission of such games to any area outside the city of New Orleans shall be expressly prohibited.

C. Licensees to hold, operate, or conduct cable television bingo shall not be subject to the provisions of R.S. 4:714(A) and (B).

D. Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter to the contrary, in particular R.S. 4:715, a charitable organization licensed to conduct cable television bingo may enter into a contract with a private contractor possessing demonstrated skills in the conduct and administration of charitable games of chance to provide for the operation and management of its games. Any such contract shall stipulate that payment to the contractor for professional services shall be in accordance with an estimated fee schedule based upon the number of cards sold and shall require the use of volunteer members of charitable organizations in the actual conduct of and assisting in the conduct of such games.

E. The office may adopt additional rules and regulations governing the operation of cable television bingo pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 4:705(10)(b). The office may also assess whatever fees may be necessary to implement this Section and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Subsection.